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"I ought to get 12 cents straight through," said Capt. Hall.

"Mr. Trefethen said he would pay the price and the discharging of the fare began at once. Capt. Hall thought he had about 35,000 pounds, but it developed that he had nearly 40,000. In addition to that, he had a couple of swordfish, and a few hake. His stock for the whole trip was close to \$1800, one of the largest ever made in the industry.

"With this big sum in his pocket, to the appellation of 'high line halibut catcher.' Counting in the fare of yesterday, he has stocked so far this year close upon \$28,000. And this, too, after he had been ashore a number of years. Probably eight trips have been made by him this season and every one of them has been into Portland where each fare has been sold to J. W. Trefethen. It is very probable that Capt. Hall will make three more trips this year and perhaps more. If he does, he stands a good chance of stocking \$50,000 for the 12 months' work. If he should do this, he would have a record never equalled.

"Any captain that can land 40,000 pounds of halibut is doing well, anyway. But it takes a pretty smart skipper to make the haul in sets of gear. That is what Capt. Hall did. Just 12 days ago yesterday, he made his first set on Quero Bank. He had fair winds and struck Portland at a time when halibut were commanding a good price.

"This is what has helped the skipper a good deal; hitting the market when it has been favorable. Being an old fisherman, one who has chased halibut all his life, he knew the haunts of the fish. More than that he has timed his trips so that when he got back to port, he would arrive when there were none too many halibut in the market. This is one reason why he has stocked so high this year.

"Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf of the schooner Kineo is a close rival of Capt. Hall. He was here two weeks ago and landed a good fare. Counting in that one, he has stocked so far this year about \$23,000. That he has not received more for his fish is due to the fact that he has not struck the market at top prices."

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#### CORNERED SWORDFISH MARKET.

Feat of a Portland Fish Dealer 20 Years Ago.

Just think of 1500 swordfish being in the possession of one dealer, a total of over 400,000 pounds. Nothing like that has happened lately, especially this year for swordfish have been notably scarce this season. But 20 years ago, as some of the business men on the water front were remarking recently, there were swordfish seen here in quantities such as had never been seen before or since.

They were numerous then. J. W. Trefethen, at that time as now, was one of the leading dealers in Portland. He had a difference with the others. When the swordfish season came around, there was war in the camp. The result was that it was J. W. Trefethen against all the others. He determined to buy every fish that came in, no matter what the price. And he did. Some of them were as low as a cent and a half a pound—a price unheard of in these days—while others were more. He filled his sheds on Commercial wharf, he had swordfish taken to other sheds and placed on ice. Some were even kept on the ice in the schooners. In all 1500 of the big fish were bought and they weighed nearly half a million pounds. This was the largest amount of fish ever in Portland or at any port.

J. W. Trefethen, for all he cornered the market and won his fight with the other dealers, was told everywhere that he would lose on the deal, that he could not possibly dispose of such an immense quantity of fish. But he held the sea food and boomed the market. Soon prices rose and then there came a spell of bad weather when none of the vessels could get out. Practically every pound of the swordfish was sold and at a profit, too.

This famous deal is still remembered by the dealers along the waterfront and they could not help recalling it yesterday when the insignificant arrivals of swordfish were being talked about. The prices now being paid the fishermen have reached better than 20 cents a pound this season, though they are now about 10 and 11 cents. And to think that a generation ago, the fishermen received a cent and a half and sometimes a little more.—Portland Press.

## DR. HUGH M. SMITH APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF COMMISSION.

### Will Consider Reasonableness of Newfoundland Fishery Regulations.

### Appointee Recognized Authority on Fishery Questions.

The state department yesterday announced that Dr. Hugh M. Smith, who for years has been connected with the United States Bureau of Fisheries, one of the best scientific experts in the world on fish and fisheries, will be the American member of the commission to pass upon the reasonableness of the regulations which may be made in Newfoundland to govern the operation of the American fishing vessels, while in Newfoundland waters.

When the news reached her last night as to the appointment of Dr. Smith, there was some little confusion over the name. Some thought it was possible that Hon. Sylvanus Smith of this city, while others leaned to the opinion that Benjamin A. Smith of this city, both expert authorities on matters pertaining to the fisheries, were meant, but later in the evening all doubts were cleared away on the subject.

President Thomas J. Carroll of the Board of Trade, stated that he had received no intimation of the appointment, and other fishing owners told the same story, yet all were satisfied with the appointment of Dr. Smith, and agreed that their interests could not be in better hands.

Just after the opening of the sessions of the Hague Arbitration Tribunal to consider the fisheries questions, Dr. Smith, A. B. Alexander of Washington and Capt. Carl C. Young of this city were summoned to the Hague to assist the counsel of the United States with their expert knowledge of conditions.

Appointee Has Had Long Familiarity with Fishing Questions.

Dr. Smith has visited this city several times, and was a member of the International fishery congress which made a tour of the country and visited this city last year.

Dr. Smith has long been connected with the bureau of fisheries here and is generally recognized as one of the best scientific experts on fisheries questions in the world. He is frequently ordered to some distant point to make a special investigation or to give somebody the benefit of his knowledge. Several years ago he went to Tokio on a mission of this sort.

Dr. Smith is familiar with various phases of the Newfoundland fisheries question by reason of long association, he having been consulted by Representative Gardner and others interested at different times during a period of years. He was detailed to accompany the American commission to The Hague last spring in the capacity of expert adviser. He rendered important service in connection with the arbitration.

The British government will appoint a member of the commission, and the third member, under the direction of the Hague tribunal, will be the fisheries adviser of the Dutch government.

The commission is to meet within a month after the announcement of the decision. This does not leave it much time to organize and be ready for any matter that may be referred to it.

Great Britain has not as yet announced its selection of a member of the commission, but the other neutral member will be M. Moegs of the Netherlands.

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## LIGHT RECEIPTS AT BOSTON.

### But Prices Show Usual End of Week Drop.

Only seven vessels were at Boston today, so that receipts of fish are light but prices somewhat weaker than yesterday. Codfish dropped one cent, while haddock show no change, and other ground fish show a downward movement.

It is nothing unusual to see a weak market last of the week and the low prices offering today are but commonplace and do not indicate a depression in the fish trade. Next week will see the usual number of vessels in port, and a firmer market will doubtless be in evidence.

With the scarcity of bait and rough weather of autumn, the vessels will be landing smaller fares, and higher prices may be expected.

The fares and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Manoment, 1000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Thomas J. Carrol, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 5000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Edith J. Silveria, 50,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 40,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 14,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Seacomet, 38,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.80 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.75; swordfish, 15 1-2 cts. per lb.

#### HAS FLITCHED HALIBUT FARE.

Sch. Grayling Arrives from Davis Strait with 135,000 Pounds.

Sch. Grayling, Capt. Axel Lager, arrived today from a far north flitched halibut trip with a fine fare of 135,000 pounds. This is the third arrival of these fishermen, and the captain has the same story to tell of what transpired during the summer as those who preceded him. No accidents marred the voyage during the summer.

#### Big Scotland Catch.

The fishery board of Scotland announces a record catch of herring for this year. Fishermen earned \$5,340,000 from the total catch of 1,968,000 crans—about 1,068,000,000 herring. Of this amount 770,000 crans were cured for American and continental trade, leaving but 298,000 crans for home consumption. The catch this year was 414,000 crans greater than last year.

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# EIGHT! FARES AT THIS PORT.

## Sch. Grayling Brings Third Fetched Fare of the Season.

The receipts of fish this morning show an improvement over yesterday, eight vessels being reported today with good fares of salt and fresh fish.

Among those which arrived is Sch. Grayling, one of the fetched halibut fleet, with a good fare of 135,000 pounds, making the third arrival this season. Two of the Georges fresh halibut fisheries are also in, schs. Juno and Clandia with 20,000 and 10,000 pounds respectively, one dory handline sch. Titania, with 30,000 pounds of salt cod and two vessels bring 45,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish from Boston.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

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Sch. Grayling, Davis Strait, 135,000 lbs. fitchers.

Sch. Winnefred, LeHave Bank, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Claudia, Browns Bank, 10,000 lbs. halibut, 35,000 lbs. salt fish, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Almeida, Georges, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, Browns Bank, 80,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.

Sch. Titania, Quero Bank, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Massasoit, via Boston.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Galetea, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mattekessett, via Boston.

Sch. Cherokee, via Boston.

Sch. Reliance, via Boston.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, via Boston.

Sch. Mary Emerson, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, drifting.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Paragon, halibuting.

### Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.

Trawl Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.25.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.35 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Drift Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.

Outside sales of Bank cod, \$3.75 for large and \$3.50 for medium.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$1.25 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.

Dory handline cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Western cod, large, \$2.25 per cwt.; medium, \$1.75.

Eastern cod, large, \$1.90 per cwt.; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 60 cts.

Western Bank cod, large, \$2.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$1.65.

Cusk, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50 cents.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.10 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

### Halibut Sales

The fare of halibut of sch. Juno, was sold to the New England Fish Company at 10 1-2 cents right through.

The fare of sch. Clandia went to the American Halibut Company at the same price.

### Good Stock.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Herman, which arrived at Boston Tuesday for a halibut trip, stacked \$4150, while her crew shared \$129 each. This is one of the best stocks made in the fresh halibut fishery this season.

## SAILING FOR HOME.

Word has been received from Arthur L. Millett, of this city, who has been at the Hague as a fisheries expert, that he is sailing for home next Wednesday on the White Star liner, Oceanic, from Southampton. He considers the award of the court as a big victory for the United States.

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# TWO ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

## Fish Prices Highest of Entire Week.

Only two arrivals are reported at Boston today, so that fresh fish of all kinds have advanced and the prices are the highest of the week.

As the fleet are now all out, next week will see a number in and prices bid fair to be firm in every department during the week.

The fares and prices in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Viking, 1500 haddock, 4500 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Colonial, 15,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 20,000 halibut, 15,000 lbs. salt fish.

Haddock, \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1.50; cusk, \$2; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.; halibut, 10 and 12 cts. per lb.

# REVIEW OF SALT FISH TRADE

## Continued Predictions of Prob- able Future Scarcity.

The salt fish market as a whole is extremely interesting either in point of shipment and receipts of raw material. The past week have seen almost an absence of salt cod direct from the fishing grounds which is greatly desired by the big dealers at this time.

While they have stock enough at present time to fill the orders now coming forward, it is evident unless relief from some source foreign or domestic comes to meet future requirements the trade will not get a full supply. Occasionally a medium fare of salt cod is being received, but it is only a "drop in the bucket" when compared with the numerous demands that will be made as the fall season advances. Even if the codfishing fleet now out get full fares there will still remain a shortage.

The incoming receipts have not equalled the outgoing for some time so that there has been no accumulation of stock. During the week some fair trips of fresh fish have arrived and buying by the curers has been active with an advance all along the line. A trip of 150,000 or 200,000 pounds has a large sounding tone, but it is small in comparison with the millions of pounds needed by the big shippers. The season of demand has just commenced and orders are being filled rapidly as the weather permits curing of fish. The contingent of small operations are not into the game so to speak, for prices ex-vessel are too high and then big dealers are grabbing up without delay all in sight at advanced quotation.

The situation demands that they must have more raw material if they are to control the market and give consumers a sufficient supply of salt fish food. It looks as if they were able to cope with the situation and supply the trade in the future well as they have done in the past with all that they demand.

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# FISH IN PLENTY AT THIS PORT.

## No Large Fares But Many of Them.

The receipts of fish at this port today, are the largest for any day during two weeks, a number of vessels having arrived, and although there are no large fares, the aggregate is a most respectable one.

The largest fare is that of sch. Atalanta, a dory handliner with 170,000 pounds of salt cod. Most of the vessels in today are by way of Boston, where they could not sell all their catch and came here to sell to the splitters. The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Galatea, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.

Sch. Edith J. Silveira, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Clara J. Silva, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Colonial, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish, 12,000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, via Boston, Sch. Richard J. Nunan, Cape Shore, 80,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, Browns Bank, 75,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.

Sch. Atalanta Quero Bank, 140,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Western Bank, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish, 25,000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Buema, Western Banks, 125,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rhodora, seining, 21 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Constellation, seining.

Sch. Mary Decosta via Boston.

Sch. Eva Avina, via Boston.

Sch. Georgiana, via Boston.

Sch. Lillian, via Boston.

Sch. Nellie, Quero Bank, 100,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Frances V. Mesquita, haddock-ing.

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### LARGEST HALIBUT STOCK,

Sch. Juno Realized \$5000 on a Recent Trip.

The largest stock made in one trip in the fresh halibut fishery this season culminated yesterday on the arrival at this port of Sch. Juno, Capt. John Streams from Georges, with a fine fare of 39,000 pounds and 25,000 pounds of other assorted fish. From this fish a stock of \$5000 was realized while the crew shared \$165.86 each.

Capt. Streams has been most fortunate this season in securing good trips, but has not struck as high a market as some of the halibut fishers until this present trip, but he has however, made the fine stock to date of something over \$24,000, while his crew, whom he has carried to a man, since starting in January, have shared \$690 each. Capt. Streams bide fair to surpass any previous record which he has made heretofore.

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